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Re: DOJ No. 90-5-2-1-09729

Re: Force Majeure Notification – NO_x Study Suspension at the Sunray Carbon Black Plant - *United States et al. v. Continental Carbon Co.*, Case 5:15-cv-00290-F

I write for Continental Carbon Company (CCC) to provide written notice of a Force Majeure event under paragraph 71 of the Consent Decree ("Decree") in the above referenced matter. The notice concerns a brief two-week extension of our current timeline for completing the initial three months of testing and related written report for the Optimization and Demonstration Study at CCC's Sunray carbon black facility as provided in Appendix F of the Decree (NO_x Study). Prior notice was provided by E-Mail on June 2.

The NO_x Study at Sunray had to be suspended on May 9, 2021.

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At this time, we have completed approximately 80% of the required study. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the current plan is to complete the testing on June 24 and provide our initial written report within 30 days thereafter by July 24. Decree, Appx. F ¶3.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (281) 647-3841 or dhetu@continentalcarbon.com.

Sincerely,



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